

REXMULL F. MANYETO AND
DORIS O. MANYETO

IBLA 76-497

Decided June 16, 1976

Appeal from decision of the California State Office, Bureau of Land Management, rejecting simultaneous oil and gas lease offer CA-3473.

Affirmed.

1. Oil and Gas Leases: Applications: Drawings

A simultaneous oil and gas lease offer is properly rejected when the offeror fails to execute fully the drawing entry card by not identifying on the card the state in which the parcel of land is located.

APPEARANCES: Rexmull F. Manyeto and Doris O. Manyeto, pro se.

OPINION BY ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE THOMPSON

The entry card of Rexmull F. Manyeto and Doris O. Manyeto was drawn second by the California State Office, Bureau of Land Management, in the drawing of simultaneous oil and gas lease offers held for parcel 5 listed in the notice dated December 15, 1975. Following disqualification of the offeror whose entry card was drawn first, the BLM State Office, by decision dated February 18, 1976, rejected appellants' offer (CA-3473) for failure to execute the entry card fully by leaving blank the space where the state in which the parcel is located is to be named. On appeal, appellants argue that the May 1974 version of drawing entry card Form 3112-1 is misleading in that it provides a blank space rather than letter blocks for the name of the state. They state that such blocks are provided for all other information required by the card, which they had otherwise properly completed.

[1] Offers to lease submitted in response to a notice of simultaneous offering must be filed on an approved entry card which is "signed and fully executed by the applicant." 43 CFR 3112.2-1(a). This instruction is clearly stated on the back of the May 1974 version

of Form 3112-1, the approved entry card filed by appellants. The Board has held that failure to include in the space provided on the card the name of the state in which the parcel of land is located renders the card incomplete and subject to rejection. Ray Granat, 25 IBLA 115 (1976); Albert E. Mitchell, III, 20 IBLA 302 (1975). The BLM State Office therefore properly rejected appellants' offer.

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to the Board of Land Appeals by the Secretary of the Interior, 43 CFR 4.1, the decision appealed from is affirmed.

Joan B. Thompson

Administrative Judge

We concur:

Edward W. Stuebing
Administrative Judge

Martin Ritvo
Administrative Judge

